

JUNE 2022 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Programs meet at the Houghton's Pond Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Inclement weather may cancel programs. To confirm or for more information call (857) 208-8498. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID).

**Tuesdays,
June 7 and
June 21**

**Blue Hills History: Fire in the Blue Hills,
9:00 am—10:30 am**

Forest fires have impacted the lives of humans for as long as there have been people in these hills. Join us for discussion on the history of fires in the hills, what was done right and wrong to fight them, and what challenges climate change poses for fighting fires in Massachusetts in the future. For adults.

**Tuesday,
June 14**

Raccoons: Thieves in the Night, 9:00—10:00 am

Raccoons are more than dumpster divers, they are true survivors. Due to some remarkable adaptations, they thrive in the modern world. Join to learn all about these remarkable and misunderstood animals. All ages.

**Tuesday,
June 28**

Talking Trees, 9:00 am—10:30 am

The story of the forest is told in its trees. They are living beings and have strange and fascinating ways to communicate with one another. Learn what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen. For ages 8 years and up.

**Wednesdays
in June**

Off the Beaten Path, 9:00 am—11:00 am

Each week we will explore a different hidden gem inside the beautiful and diverse Blue Hills Reservation on a guided hike. Between 2-4 miles of moderate hiking for ages 12 and up. Bring drinking water, a snack, and dress for the weather.

**Wednesdays,
June 1 and
June 29**

Vernal Pool Exploration, 3:00pm—4:00 pm

Things are hopping down at the vernal pools of the Blue Hills. Many creatures live on and near these seasonal wetlands. Come explore this amazing habitat and experience the sights and sounds of the vernal pool. For all ages.

**Wednesdays,
June 8 and
June 22**

Houghton's Pond Wander 3:00 pm—4:00 pm

Join us for a fun and informative one-mile walk around Houghton's Pond. Come explore late spring in the Blue Hills! Suitable for all ages and experience levels.

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Blue Hills Reservation

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| Wednesday,
June 15 | Animal Detectives, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm
Animal tracks tell the story of wildlife in the forest—where they go, what they eat, and who's trying to eat them. On this fun, all-ages program we will learn how to tell what these animals are up to when no one is around. |
| Thursdays,
June 2
June 16
June 30 | Great Blue Yonder Hike, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
Meets at Trailside Museum Parking Lot
Join us on a moderate hike to the highest point in MA south of Boston and enjoy the majestic views from the top of Great Blue Hill. Please bring water, a snack and appropriate footwear. Suitable for adults with hiking experience. |
| Fridays,
June 17 and
June 24 | Kidleidoscope, 10:00 am—11:00 am
Join us for nature crafts and nature facts! Each week we will feature a different nature theme and a craft on that theme. Suitable for ages 4-10 with an adult. |
| Saturdays,
June 4, 18, 25 | Family Nature Exploration, 10:00 am—11:00 am
On Saturday mornings, explore the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.
June 4 & 25— Turtle Trek: Many species of turtles make their home throughout the Blue Hills. Learn about turtles and their behavior as well as how to identify different species of local turtles and maybe see some ourselves!
June 18—A Murder Most Fowl: Crows are remarkably social and intelligent animals. These clever birds have long been a source of fascination and lore. See how different cultures have viewed crows throughout history and how these myths are often supported by the latest science. |
| Saturdays,
June 4
June 18
June 25 | Nice and Easy Hiking Series, 1:00 pm—2:30 pm
Looking to get outdoors and take a gentle, guided hike in the beautiful Blue Hills? Join us for our weekly series of leisurely paced nature hikes (1.5-3 miles long). Learn about nature at your own pace and make some friends along the way. All ages. |